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- 1. KOREAN MEDIA MARCH 10 FEATURE REPORTS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 9 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENTS ON KOREA. ATTENTION HAS FOCUSSED ON PRESIDENT'S RECONFIRMATION OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW U.S. GROUND TROOPS AFTER FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, IN CONSULTATION WITH ROK AND JAPAN, AND TO LEAVE AIR FORCES "FOR A VERY LONG PERIOD OF TIME."
- 2. INITIAL ACCOUNTS ALSO CONSTRUED PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF GROUND FORCES "CONTROLLED BY SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT" AS MEANING U.S. WOULD LEAVE RESIDUAL FORCES UNDER ROK CONTROL. WIRE SERVICES LATER REPORTED OFFICIALS HAD SAID THIS WAS A MISINTERPRETATION OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT, BUT SOME AFTERNOON PAPERS HAVE CARRIED VARIOUS VERSIONS OF THIS IDEA, AND BLUE HOUSE PRESS OFFICE HAS CALLED INQUIRING ABOUT IT.

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